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HIGH SCHOOLER MILES MORALES WAS BITTEN BY A STOLEN, GENETICALLY ALTERED SPIDER THAT GRANTS HIM INCREDIBLE ARACHNID-LIKE POWERS.

THIS IS A SECRET HE HAS SHARED ONLY WITH HIS BEST FRIEND GANKE AND HIS FATHER. THAT IS, UNTIL GANKE SPILLED MILES' SECRET, WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION, TO A NEW STUDENT AT SCHOOL, THE FAMOUS EX-X-MAN FABIO MEDINA, A.K.A. GOLDBALLS. IT DID NOT GO WELL.

MEANWHILE, TENSION IS BREWING WITHIN THE AVENGERS. A NEW INHUMAN, ULYSSES, CAN PREDICT THE FUTURE, BUT THE AVENGERS ARE TORN, AND SO IS MILES. TORN BETWEEN HIS LOYALTY TO TONY STARK AND HIS OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF HIS FATHER.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, HE'S JUST LEARNED HE'S BEING SPIED ON...
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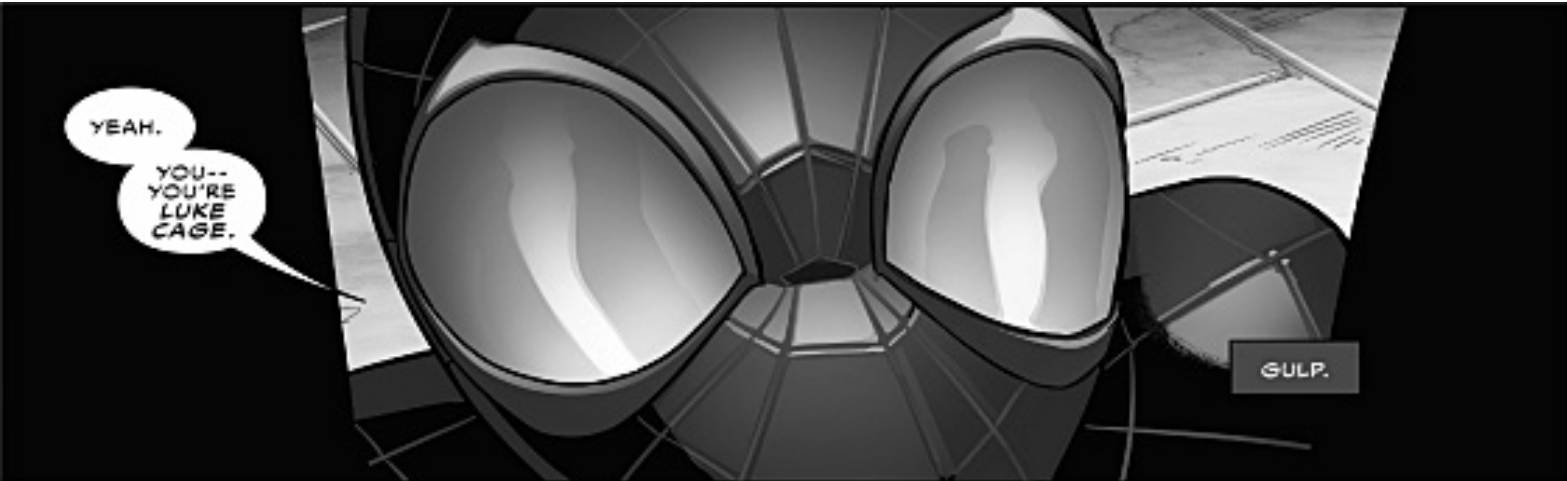
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YEAH.

YOU--
YOU'RE
LUKE
CAGE.

GULP.



SEE? I
TOLD YOU THE
LITTLE BROTHERS
KNOW ME!

HE'S
A ~~SHIT~~
AVENGER.

HE
KNOWS ALL
OF US.



UM,
ACTUALLY,
WHAT WAS
YOUR NAME
AGAIN?



YOU
SHUT IT.

NOT
GONNA SAY
A THING.

GOOD.

I CAN
DO IT WITH
A LOOK.

IS--IS THIS
AN AVENGERS
THING?

BECAUSE THIS--
I HAVE TO SAY, I AM
REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE
WITH YOU JUST SHOWING
UP IN MY LIFE LIKE
THIS.

I CAN
IMAGINE.

NO. THIS IS,
AS MY HUSBAND
JUST SAID, A
PROFESSIONAL
COURTESY.

WHAT
DOES THAT
MEAN?



WELL, SEE--I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE THIS ALL WEEK.

I HAVE NEVER BEEN IN A POSITION LIKE THIS BEFORE.

AND THEN MY HUSBAND, HERE, CONVINCED ME TO JUST COME RIGHT OUT AND--



JUST--! HOW--JUST PLEASE, TELL ME...HOW DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.



THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU.

LAST WEEK I WAS HIRED TO FOLLOW YOU AROUND.

WHAT??????

UM, WHAT?

I WAS HIRED--

WHO--WHO ARE YOU?



MY NAME IS JESSICA JONES.

I AM A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR.

I WAS HIRED TO FOLLOW YOU AROUND, AND WITHIN TWO HOURS, I FOUND OUT WHO YOU ARE, YOUR SECRET IDENTITY, AND WHO AMONG YOUR FRIENDS KNOWS YOUR SECRET IDENTITY...



TWO HOURS!

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR AND...BAM.

THERE YOU WERE, AND THERE YOU ARE.

WHO--WHO HIRED YOU?



THAT'S THE THING.

I'LL TELL YOU, BUT I'M REALLY GOING TO NEED SOME PROFESSIONAL COURTESY IN RETURN.



IN RETURN?

HOW IS COMING INTO MY WORLD LIKE THIS AND SCARING ME A PROFESSIONAL COURTESY?



SHE'S TELLING YOU SHE FOUND OUT YOUR SECRET IN FIVE SECONDS.

THAT MEANS YOU ARE TERRIBLE AT KEEPING YOUR SECRET.

SHE'S TELLING YOU ALL THIS SO, MAYBE, YOU CAN TRY AND TO BE BETTER AT BEING SPIDER-MAN.

SO IF, MAYBE, SOMEONE OUT THERE SOMEWHAT LESS PERSONABLE THAN MY DARLING WIFE HERE TRIES TO FIGURE OUT YOUR WHOLE DEAL...



...IT MIGHT TAKE THEM A BIT LONGER THAN TWO HOURS TO COMPLETELY DESTROY YOUR LIFE...

OR, IMAGINE YOU BEING SO GOOD AT IT THAT NOBODY FINDS OUT.

EVER.

THE COURTESY PART IS THAT SHE COULD RUIN YOUR LIFE AND SHE AIN'T.

NO. THE COURTESY PART IS I AM NOT TELLING THE PERSON WHO HIRED ME WHAT I FOUND OUT.



WHO HIRED YOU TO FOLLOW ME?



DO YOU APPRECIATE THAT I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE YOUR SECRET AWAY TO ANYONE?

YES. OF COURSE!

THEN YOU WILL, NO MATTER WHO I SAY HIRED ME, RETURN THE FAVOR?

UH, YES--YES.

YOUR GRANDMOTHER HIRED ME.

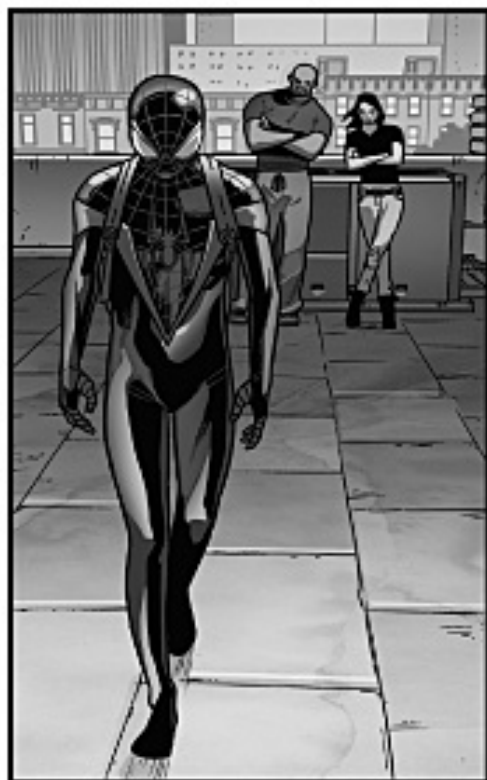


MAYBE HE DIDN'T HEAR YOU.

IT'S THE MASK.

(YOU EVER NOTICE HOW OFF-PUTTING IT IS IN AWKWARD TIMES LIKE THESE?)



















IN THE
HOPE THAT
TONY IS PROVEN
RIGHT.

THAT THE
HULK IS NOWHERE
TO BE FOUND, AND
THAT BRUCE IS CURED,
AND THERE'S NOT EVEN
A HINT THAT THE
HULK COULD COME
BACK.

WAIT,
YOU'RE SAYING
YOU HOPE I'M
RIGHT?

I DO, IN
THE WORST
WAY.

BUT YOU
DON'T ACTUALLY
THINK I AM.

I DON'T.

IN THE
WORST
WAY.

WE INVITE
ALL OF YOU
HERE TO
JOIN US.

THIS IS A
VOLUNTEER
MISSION.

BUT, IN THE
SMALL CHANCE
THAT THE HULK *DOES*
MAKE AN APPEARANCE,
WE *WILL* NEED
YOU...

BATTLING
AGAINST THE
HULK, IN ANY OF
HIS VARIED
STATES, IS--

SCARY.

SCARY,
TERRIFYING, AND
EMOTIONALLY DRAINING,
BECAUSE YOU *KNOW*
THERE IS A CERTIFIED
GENIUS TRAPPED INSIDE
THAT MONSTER.

AND YOU
KNOW HE'S A
GOOD MAN WHO
MADE ONE BIG
MISTAKE.

WELL, TO
BE FAIR, HE'S
MADE MORE THAN
ONE MISTAKE--

I'M FOCUSING
ON THE BIG ONE
WHERE HE RAN IN
FRONT OF AN
UNTESTED GAMMA
BOMB.

I
KNOW.

AND
TURNED INTO
THE HULK.

I GET
IT.

WHERE HE
HAS BEEN TRAPPED
LIVING A DUAL LIFE
OF A MAN AND A
MONSTER.

YEAH.

YOU
KNOW, AS
THE HULK.

I GET
IT.

(SO
AWKWARD.)



WE HOPE BEYOND HOPE THAT YOU WON'T BE NEEDED, BUT--

IT'S THE HULK, SO, YOU NEVER KNOW.

TONY HAS AGREED TO NOT BE ARMORED FOR THIS.

BECAUSE, CLEARLY, I'M A CHILD WHO CAN'T BE TRUSTED.



BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO CLOSE TO IT. YOU AGREED TO THIS.

I DID.

AND THE REST OF YOU, IF YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT, WILL BE UNDER MY TEMPORARY COMMAND.



AGAIN, I KNOW TEMPER AND EMOTIONS ARE RUNNING HIGH.

I KNOW MANY OF US ARE CONFLICTED BY WHAT HAS BROUGHT US HERE.

IF YOU THINK YOU'RE TOO INVESTED IN THIS AND NEED TO STEP ASIDE, NO ONE WILL JUDGE YOU FOR IT.

BUT I AM DESPERATE FOR THIS NOT TO ESCALATE, AND WANT YOUR HELP.

WE'LL BE LEAVING IN TEN.



ARE WE GOING?

WE HAVE TO, DON'T WE?

"HAVE TO," THAT'S WHY YOU'RE YOU.

HOW COOL WAS CAPTAIN MARVEL? SHE DOESN'T TAKE ANY OF HIS SASS.



YEAH, OKAY.

SHE DIDN'T.

I BET IT'S ALL NOTHING. I BET NOTHING HAPPENS.



THE HULK.

NOTHING WILL HAPPEN.

ONE HOUR LATER.

WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE
GUARDING! WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE
PROTECTING!

DEFENDING!
AVENGING!

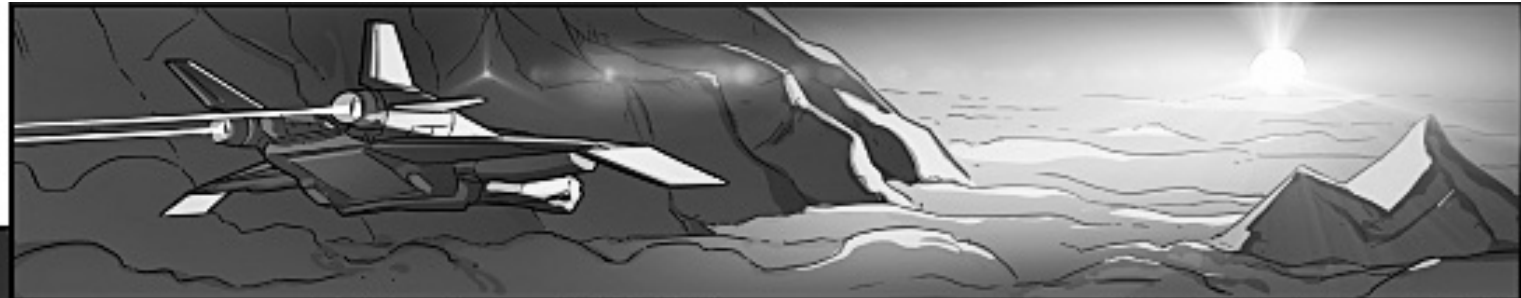
WHAT
WAS THIS?!

THERE HAS TO BE
ACCOUNTABILITY!













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